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TRAINING FOR MARRIAGE.

When Canadian and Australian soldiers in England exhibited so great a disposition to marry English girls, it was some one with a look to the future that realized that if many of these marriages contracted as romances of war were not to be wrecked by the young wife's unfamiliarity with the demands that would be made upon her when transported to her new home across the seas, some instruction was needed in the duties and responsibilities of wifehood.

This led to the opening of "Khaki college," and the institution, which has just been closed because its mission was ended, gave training to 15,000 young women. The instruction took the form of training in lines on which the bride would have most need and the course embraced about everything in which a woman should have practical knowledge. So successful is the experiment declared to be that similar schools will be opened for like training of girls not going to the dominions.

If such a school should prove a success in training wives for life from birthplace and amid unaccustomed duties, in view of the failure of no considerable part of our marriages where there is not the excuse of contrast and unfamiliarity with surroundings, might not wife-training schools with required graduation previous to marriage prove effective in averting many of the wrecks that line the nuptial way?

It is true a course in such an institution in bringing the prospective wife down from the air to a realization of just what marriage means might cause some engagements to be broken, but better an easily mended heart than shattered marriage vows.

And if such instruction would be good for the prospective wife, it doubtless would not be less beneficial to the prospective husband. To exhibit to the man what it meant to marry and the responsibilities that it entails might save hearts from throbbing sadly but too late. The English plan certainly has possibilities for practical application, but such a movement should not be confined to women.

FARMERS TALK SENSE.

Farmers frequently lay themselves open to criticism, but they do not strike—those of them who stay on farms—and their opinion on the cost of living is fairly expressed by the following declaration adopted by the farmers of Maury county, Tenn:

Believing that the world can be rehabilitated alone through toil and sweat, that relief from present conditions and the saving of our institutions depend altogether upon the increased production of all commodities, we pledge the farmers of this country to do their full share in increasing food commodities and solemnly swear that they will not strike, decrease the hours of their labor, or enter into any combination to decrease production. We call upon all other classes of society to do likewise. Those who strike and paralyze industry are unconsciously contributing to the very conditions against which they protest.

It was to be expected that men who preach the gospel of work as the sovereign cure for economic ills would object to a superfluity of government, therefore we need not be surprised to find this convention of farmers going to record opposite to government control or regulation of industries.

If all the farmers and all the people of the cities would follow the maxim of the Maury county farmers about sweat and toll the problem of the high cost of living would gradually disappear and solve itself. We only aggravate our troubles by talking about them and how to cure them. More work is the sovereign cure.

G. O. P. POLITICS IN INDIANA.

Just the slightest intimation has been given in Indiana circles in Washington that Rep. Will R. Wood of the 10th district would like to be a candidate for governor. It appears that suggestion has not taken the nature of a boom, nor of an effort to get a response from the state but there is sufficient discussion to indicate there may be something going on in Indiana republican politics of which the public has not been made aware.

Wood undoubtedly has made himself the strongest man in the Indiana delegation in the house. He has endeavored from time to time at least to put in an appearance and cause his associates from other states to hesitate in their peculiar remarks about "no man's land" or in other words, the Indiana section in congress. And recently Wood has been taking a hand in the affairs on the floor and much more of a hand in the affairs in the republican cloakroom.

Wood could get the support of that element in the party which is informing the Indiana delegation that Goodrich and New must go if there is any hope for success in 1920. By teaming up now with Watson in the plan to unseat New and Goodrich and eliminate them from control, Wood could be

Unionism Versus Bolshevism

MYSTERIOUS are the ways of Providence, as has been proven in a multitude of cases. The sudden illness of Samuel Gompers at Washington may afford opportunity for fuller consideration, and lend additional force to the last speech that he delivered before the public.

For good or for ill, it was a solemn warning to the industrial conference that unless the steel strike were treated in a spirit of compromise, and the employers accepted arbitration, bolshevism, in the form of I. W. W. leadership, might gain control of American labor.

Mr. Gompers in recent years has represented the conservative element of the Federation of Labor. It is due largely, perhaps chiefly, to his efforts that the conservatives have kept the upper hand during the war and since the armistice.

He and his kind may seem radical enough to the employing class generally, but Mr. Gompers is perfectly right about it when he calls attention to their comparative steadiness, and to the "red" peril that is always invading their own ranks and threatening respectable unionism no less than capitalism. In his speech he said:

"We have never yet made an assault—and it is farthest from our thought—upon the rights of property or the rights of management; but I say to you, gentlemen, you may win this strike without consent that it shall be adjusted after the fashion that we have so liberally proposed; but if you reject that method and the steel strike goes on and lasts a month or two or three months, and drags out, and you have won, and these men (the I. W. W. agitators) are going about the country and preaching the doctrine of their unbearable conditions and the tyranny which they experience and the injustices which have been meted out to them, then whatever betide, you have sown the seed and will bear the consequence.

"Our movement is constructive in character. You may dislike it. You may dislike us well enough or sufficiently not to wish to meet with us in our representative capacity; you may not want to enter into agreements with us; but let me say this to you: You will either come to agreement with us, or you will destroy the ability of our men in our movement to stand up for the fight.

"We will be discarded as impotent or unfaithful; and if you discard us, if you decline to enter into agreement with us, you will have somebody worse than us to deal with."

Whatever capitalists and captains of industry may think of Mr. Gompers and his associates, it is infinitely better that their hands should be upheld at the present time than that the American Federation of Labor should succumb to the clamorous forces of bolshevism.

MR. GOMPERS might quite as well have spoken, perhaps, in the same vein of the much threatened strike of the United Mine Workers, scheduled for Nov. 1. Here again the radicals appear to have overpowered their leaders; that is, the national leaders—succumbing to the wiles of local hot-heads.

Sec'y Wilson's action is the most hopeful aspect of the situation. He assumes jurisdiction under the law creating his office, which provides that:

"The secretary of labor shall have power to act as a mediator and to appoint commissioners of conciliation whenever in his judgment the interests of industrial peace require it to be done."

Certainly "the interests of industrial peace" call for prompt, effective action in this case, inasmuch as the strongest labor union in America declares its firm intention to walk out and close the coal mines, regardless of consequences, at the outset of cold weather, unless its extravagant demands are met. It is a question, however, whether even government intervention can appease the radical element in control of the organization.

And if not, then what? These are crucial moments. Pres't Gompers, assuming that he is honest—and his honesty has seldom been questioned,—might well be listened to, and some basis of industrial justice and square dealing evolved, that will show results for the labor conservatives, and strengthen their following. If the majority goes to the radicals in the absence of such results; well, that capital will have someone to deal with, less considerate than Messrs. Gompers, Morrison and Sec'y Wilson, is quite certain.

put in a very fine position the moment that Watson assumes the dictatorship. Of course this would mean the elimination of Warren T. McCray, the chosen son, but if McCray does not hurry a denunciation of the Goodrich regime he will have few friends in congress. Ed Toner practically eliminated himself in his first speech when he spoke highly of the Goodrich administration and the old republican machine, which has "put-em-over" in the past and which cares little what the votes may show, will see to it that Ed Bush will have no place in the race.

THE SUPER-HEN.

Alton E. Briggs of Boston, president of the National Poultry, Egg and Butter association, predicts a race of super-chickens. A new type of hen, he says, is being bred already, and is destined to attain a size as large as that of the turkey, with eggs two or three times their present size.

More wonderful still, he explains, the cost will not be much more than people are paying for poultry and eggs at the present time.

The giant-chicken prophecy may find credence, but who can believe the rest of it? Of course those super-chickens and super-eggs will be sold by super-producers at super-prices.

Somehow it doesn't seem quite fair for the W. C. T. U. to declare war on the cigar and yet tolerate the Pittsburg stogie—not to mention the campaign cigar and the over-ripe pipe?

If that Baptist parson—now an army aviator—can fly upward as fast and surely as he can horizontally, he need not worry about reaching the nearby gates.

It's hardly likely that King Albert has a hanker-ing for any of our political offices, but candidates out west are getting rather uneasy over his baby-sitting propensity.

Speaking of demobilization, when do the type-writer generals and colonels at Washington lay down their arms?

Poet d'Annunzio is overlooking a bet. Why doesn't he win up a torkful or two of long meter verse and fire them at the "tyrant"?

Let's not wring our hands in horror over that Moscow "revolution." It's only a dog fight among the bolsheviks, with some rats possibly joining in.

What boots it to those New York longshoremen that 5,000 cars of food are rotting on the docks there? Haven't they the right to strike?

If ministers didn't have to work seven days a week, or if they got time-and-a-half for Sunday work as industrial workers do, it wouldn't be so bad.

There are 60,000,000 gallons of whisky left in bond by the prohibition law. Liquor, liquor everywhere, not a drop to drink!

Some folks are indignant at the profiteers; and some merely envious of them.

The Tower of Babel
—BY BILL ARMSTRONG—

They are trying to revive the old before-the-war night life in Paris, but the efforts seem to have been a failure thus far. It's the same way all over the world. Even in South Bend, the policemen begin to dust off their riot clubs when they see anyone on Michigan st. after 9:30 o'clock anymore.

OH, DOCTOR!!!!!!
By Associated Press:
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Sec'y Glass yesterday put his name to a check for \$2,648,309.171.53, said to have been the largest ever drawn.

YE GODS, IT MUST HAVE BEEN LIMBURGER.
By Associated Press:
DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 17.—An argument started in Mike Pizzo's restaurant over a piece of cheese. The cheese was dropped to the floor and guns drawn. Pizzo was wounded in the arm and hand; one of his patrons was hit in the knee, and another in the hip.

W. H. A. the well known commercial traveler, reports that people in Battle Creek go to the Butcher shop for their clothes. After we had recovered from our surprise he explained that Battle Creek has a clothier by the name of Butcher. We have seen some tailors the name would fit in great shape.

PA PERKINS
SEZ.
Temperance people are getting so strong—before long they'll be testin' the ink in our fountain pens.

THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE YEAR!
The Tower of Babel, the recognized leader in getting all the news of this here town first, and lots of times even before it has actually happened, today scores the biggest scoop of the year, a news beat that is the greatest in the history of commerce (ala Economy department).

Becoming aware of the close approach of Christmas time, we have dragged ourselves around town and ascertained what a number of our leading citizens wish for Christmas. Can you, trade, imagine a bigger, more important newspaper beat than this? Nor can we!
The interviews, culled of prof-

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY—THE LAST STRAW.

Lines written after looking at the latest laundry bill.
No longer I speak of the grocer
In terms of derisive abuse;
He charges a lot, but he's probably got
Some sort of a valid excuse.
No longer I snap at the hatter
For asking ten bucks for a hat.
I know he'll proclaim that he isn't to blame,
And maybe he isn't at that.

The goods that the grocer and hatter
Exchange for my pitiful pelf,
I simply must buy; though the price is sky high.
I never could make 'em myself.
But when I am told by the laundry
That the rate for destroying my shirts
To tatters and rents is now twenty-eight cents,
Where it once was eleven, it hurts.

I filling false teeth on my collars
Till they bite gaping holes in my neck,
If clawing the breast of my best evening vest
Till all that remains is a wreck,
If tearing silk stockings to atoms
Is worth what the washes-men claim,
I'll blow my few beans upon man-gling machines
And get in the laundering game.

REVEALING A SECRET.
You can get whisky in New York if you know the password. The password is, "A little whisky, please."

METHOD IN IT.
D'Annunzio probably intends to dramatize himself when it is all over.

THE EUROPEAN EGGS.
Republics are notoriously ungrateful, and judging by the trifling presents bestowed on Mr. Wilson in Europe, monarchies are more. (Copyright, 1919.)

ATTENTION!
Ex-soldiers, sailors and marines, big military dance, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1919, 9:00 p. m.
All service or previous service men and friends are cordially invited to attend in uniform, a military dance given by the George M. Poinsett Garrison, No. 95 at Slick's hall, 321 S. Michigan st. Refreshments served by Ladies' auxiliary. Snappy jazz orchestra. Music furnished by Wells' orchestra.—Committee.

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